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interactive controllers. The printer can then be operated during execution of the program in the DVD either manually or automatically as discussed in more detail below.

C 6 It will be evident to those skilled in the art that the preferred embodiment provides for a video game system enabling print on demand cards 56. These cards can be utilized for a number of purposes. Firstly, the video game can, at certain predetermined levels, print out a series of 'brag cards'. These can provide a high-resolution picture that can only be achieved at a certain point in the game. The brag cards can be personalised with the game players name, score, chosen character, accumulated wealth or objects, etc. The cards could also include a photographic likeness where the video game arrangement includes an optional image sensor 55 (not shown). With such an option, the brag cards could also be personalised with a photographic likeness mapping on to 3D characters etc.

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Abstract

A video gaming console (and corresponding method of printing gaming information onto a substrate) is configured to accept gaming data on a detachable CD-ROM, cartridge or the like. A user plays the game via a controller device. At predetermined points in the game, such as a certain level being achieved or a task being completed, an integral printing apparatus prints gaming images. Enhanced interactivity is achieved.

C 7 ~~In accordance with a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a video game console device including means to receive detachable interactive program storage means for execution by the console, processing and operating means for executing the interactive program stored on the detachable interactive program storage means for delivery to a video output, communication means to enable operational interaction input from external control devices during execution of the program, an integral printer apparatus including a printhead, ink supply unit, and print media feed means, the printer apparatus being operatively associated with the processing and operating means to print out images relevant to the interactive program.~~

~~In the preferred form, the console is designed for use with a detachable controller module that includes a variety of interactive control devices such as joysticks and control~~

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C 1 ~~buttons. This controller may communicate with the console by wireless communication means such as the new "Bluetooth" system or by cable or other suitable means.~~

~~Preferably, the integral printer apparatus includes an internal print media supply unit.~~

~~In the preferred form, the print media is in the form of sheets of paper or card and the print media supply unit and ink supply unit are jointly housed in a replaceable cartridge assembly.~~